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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST

PART I. GAME FARM LICENSE APPLICATION

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Park's authority to regulate game farms is contained in sections 87-4-406 through 87-4-424, MCA and ARM 12.6.1501 through 12.6.1519.

1. Name of Project: Glacier Elk Ranch

Application Date: February 27, 1996

2. Name, Address and Phone Number of Applicant(s): David C. Bianche
2499 Grave Cr. Rd.
Eureka, MT 59917
(406) 882-4418

3. If Applicable:

Estimated Construction/Commencement Date: May, 1996

Estimated Completion Date: June, 1996

Is this an application for expansion of existing facility or is a future expansion contemplated?

4. Location Affected by Proposed Action (county, range and township):

Lincoln County, NE¼, NE¼, Sec. 11, T35N, R26W

5. Project Size: Estimate the number of acres that would be directly affected that are currently:

(a) Developed:
residential..... 2 acres
industrial..... ____ acres

(b) Open Space/Woodlands/Areas.... ____ acres

(c) Wetlands/Riparian Areas..... ____ acres

(d) Floodplain... ____ acres

(e) Productive:
irrigated cropland. ____ acres
dry cropland..... ____ acres
forestry..... 5 acres
rangeland..... ____ acres
other..... ____ acres

6. Map/site plan: attach a copy of the map submitted with the application (an 8 1/2" x 11" or larger section of the most recent USGS 7.5' series topographic map) showing the location and boundaries of the area that would be affected by the proposed action. A different map scale may be substituted if more appropriate or if required by agency rule. If available, a site plan should also be attached.

7. Narrative Summary of the Proposed Action or Project including the Benefits and Purpose of the Proposed Action:

Applicant proposes raising elk for hobby, breeding stock, and meat production. He plans on maintaining a herd size of 6-10 animals within a fenced area of approximately 5-7 acres. He plans to begin his herd with 5 heifer and 1 bull calf purchased locally from area game farms. The planned enclosure is within an area that is currently managed forest and less than 200' from his residence. The enclosure does not bisect or approach any areas of surface water.

In the application, the applicant stated that:

- a. the enclosure would measure 330 X 660' (5 acres);
- b. A 30 X 70' quarantine area of 8' double wide fencing (with 3" spacing) would be located in the northeast corner of the enclosure; access to the quarantine area would be gained through a solid plywood gate; the quarantine area would have its own water supply and its own self feeder;
- c. all fencing would be 8' high 12 1/2 gauge woven wire with 6" squares;
- d. treated larch posts set in concrete would be used on all corners;
- e. treated larch posts would be used at 24' intervals along the fence with stays spaced every 8';
- f. access to the enclosure would be gained through a 12' wide self closing gate with a double latch;
- g. future plans include a possible expansion of the game farm to encompass a 1,295' X 1,320' area (approx. 39 acres).

Further discussions with Mr. Bianche on 3/25/96 and 3/28/96 revealed several changes/clarifications:

- a. Posts would be cut on-site from larch trees and treated by burning the ends;
- b. water would be supplied from his existing, domestic well and would not come from a separate well as indicated earlier;
- c. total area of the enclosure may approach seven acres rather than five;
- d. the quarantine pen would be placed in the northwest corner of the enclosure rather than the northeast due to gentler terrain in that area;
- e. any plans for future expansion would probably be somewhat less than the 39 acres specified in his application; when and if he decided to expand in the future, he would submit another application for review;

8. Listing of any other Local, State or Federal agency that has overlapping or additional jurisdiction:

(a) Permits:

<u>Agency Name</u>	<u>Permit</u>	<u>Date Filed/#</u>
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(b) Funding:

<u>Agency Name</u>	<u>Funding Amount</u>
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(c) Other Overlapping or Additional Jurisdictional Responsibilities:

<u>Agency Name</u>	<u>Type of Responsibility</u>
Montana Dept. of Livestock	Quarantine facility; animal marking, inspection, transportation and health

9. List of Agencies Consulted During Preparation of the EA:

State Historic Preservation Office

PART II. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

1. Evaluation of the Impacts of the Proposed Action Including Secondary and Cumulative Impacts on the Physical and Human Environment:

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

1. <u>LAND RESOURCES</u> Will the proposed action result in:	POTENTIAL IMPACT				CAN IMPACT BE MITIGATED	COMMENT INDEX
	UNKNOWN	NONE	MINOR	SIGNIFICANT		
a. Soil instability or changes in geologic substructure?		X				
b. Disruption, displacement, erosion, compaction, moisture loss, or over-covering of soil which would reduce productivity or fertility?			X			
c. Destruction, covering or modification of any unique geologic or physical features?		X				
d. Changes in siltation, deposition or erosion patterns that may modify the channel of a river or stream or the bed or shore of a lake?		X				
e. Other: _____						

PROPOSED ACTION:

1.b. An increase in compaction will result due to increased grazing levels. This could result in a decrease in productivity on the 5-7 acre parcel. Minor amounts of runoff could occur during the spring melting periods or after a heavy thunderstorm. However, runoff is not expected to be a problem due to the relatively gentle terrain throughout most of the area.

NO ACTION:

COMMENTS:

Narrative Description and Evaluation of the Cumulative and Secondary Effects on Land Resources (Attach additional pages of narrative if needed):

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

2. <u>AIR</u> Will the proposed action result in:	POTENTIAL IMPACT				CAN IMPACT BE MITIGATED	COMMENT INDEX
	UNKNOWN	NONE	MINOR	SIGNIFICANT		
a. Emission of air pollutants or deterioration of ambient air quality?		X				
b. Creation of objectionable odors?		X				
c. Alteration of air movement, moisture, or temperature patterns or any change in climate, either locally or regionally?		X				
d. Adverse effects on vegetation, including crops, due to increased emissions of pollutants?		X				
e. Other: _____						

PROPOSED ACTION:

NO ACTION:

COMMENTS:

Narrative Description and Evaluation of the Cumulative and Secondary Effects on Air Resources (Attach additional pages of narrative if needed):

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

3. <u>WATER</u> Will the proposed action result in:	POTENTIAL IMPACT				CAN IMPACT BE MITIGATED	COMMENT INDEX
	UNKNOWN	NONE	MINOR	SIGNIFICANT		
a. Discharge into surface water or any alteration of surface water quality including but not limited to temperature, dissolved oxygen or turbidity?		X				
b. Changes in drainage patterns or the rate and amount of surface runoff?	X					
c. Alteration of the course or magnitude of flood water or other flows?		X				
d. Changes in the amount of surface water in any water body or creation of a new water body?		X				
e. Exposure of people or property to water related hazards such as flooding?		X				
f. Changes in the quality of groundwater?		X				
g. Changes in the quantity of groundwater?		X				
h. Increase in risk of contamination of surface or groundwater?		X				
i. Violation of the Montana non-degradation statute?		X				
j. Effects on any existing water right or reservation?		X				
k. Effects on other water users as a result of any alteration in surface or groundwater quality?		X				
l. Effects on other water users as a result of any alteration in surface or groundwater quantity?		X				
m. Other: _____						

PROPOSED ACTION:

3.b. Due to compaction, a small amount of surface runoff may occur during the spring melting period or after a severe thunderstorm. However, the amount of runoff from this operation is expected to be very minor.

NO ACTION:

COMMENTS:

Narrative Description and Evaluation of the Cumulative and Secondary Effects on Water Resources (Attach additional pages of narrative if needed):

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

4. <u>VEGETATION</u> Will the proposed action result in:	POTENTIAL IMPACT				CAN IMPACT BE MITIGATED	COMMENT INDEX
	UNKNOWN	NONE	MINOR	SIGNIFICANT		
a. Changes in the diversity, productivity or abundance of plant species?			X			
b. Alteration of a plant community?			X			
c. Adverse effects on any unique, rare, threatened, or endangered species?		X				
d. Reduction in acreage or productivity of any agricultural land?		X				
e. Establishment or spread of noxious weeds?			X			
f. Other: _____						

PROPOSED ACTION:

4.a.b. Due to compaction caused by the grazing of confined animals and the additional clearing of trees, changes in plant diversity and abundance on the 5 acre project area are expected. With time, the area will resemble more of a grassland vs. forested community type.

4.e. Noxious weeds such as Canada Thistle and Spotted Knapweed can be expected to increase over current levels. However, the amount of area that will be impacted will be minor.

NO ACTION:

COMMENTS:

Narrative Description and Evaluation of the Cumulative and Secondary Effects on Vegetation Resources (Attach additional pages of narrative if needed):

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

5. <u>FISH/WILDLIFE</u> Will the proposed action result in:	POTENTIAL IMPACT				CAN IMPACT BE MITIGATED	COMMENT INDEX
	UNKNOWN	NONE	MINOR	SIGNIFICANT		
a. Deterioration of critical fish or wildlife habitat?			X			
b. Changes in the diversity or abundance of game species?		X				
c. Changes in the diversity or abundance of nongame species?		X				
d. Introduction of new species into an area?		X				
e. Creation of a barrier to the migration or movement of animals?		X				
f. Adverse effects on any unique, rare, threatened, or endangered species?		X				
g. Increase in conditions that stress wildlife populations or limit abundance (including harassment, legal or illegal harvest or other human activity)?		X				
h. Other: _____						

PROPOSED ACTION:

5.a. The proposed action will remove 5-7 acres of moderate to high density white-tailed deer winter range from available use. Mule deer also use the area, especially in late winter. Other big game species in the area include elk, black bears, moose and mountain lions.

NO ACTION:

The exclusion of white-tailed deer and other game animals from the project area would not occur.

COMMENTS:

Narrative Description and Evaluation of the Cumulative and Secondary Effects on Fish/Wildlife Resources (Attach additional pages of narrative if needed):

PROVIDE NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Wildlife use of the area and potential for through-the-fence contact with game farm animals (consider year-around use, traditional seasonal habitat use, and location of travel routes and migration corridors).

The project area is in moderate to high density white-tailed deer winter range. Elk, mule deer, black bear, moose and mountain lion use is common in the general area on a year-round basis. Grizzly bears and wolves also frequent the area. Wild elk could be attracted to the site, especially when game farm cow elk are in estrous. Coyotes are common in the area and could potentially make contact with captive elk. Through-the-fence contact may be rare, but could be expected between game farm animals and wild ungulates and/or predators.

Disease and parasite transmission can occur via nose-to-nose, nose-to-other body parts, nose-to-soil and vegetation along the fenceline. White-tailed deer, native elk, black bears, mule deer and coyotes may move along the fence perimeter. They could come in contact with game farm elk food, feces, soil, or actual body parts.

The risk of through the fence contact can be reduced if: 1. salt, hay and feed are kept to the interior of the game farm and game farm animals are not fed along the fence perimeter; 2. if game farm operators use commonly accepted sanitation measures and remove excess feed, dead animals or other wildlife attractants to an area not accessible to wildlife; and 3. the game farm operator regularly patrols fences to determine if any wild game animals are gaining access to the game farm. If fence integrity appears to be a problem, additional fence requirements may be necessary.

Potential for escape of game farm animals or ingress of wildlife (consider site-specific factors that could reduce the effectiveness of perimeter fences built to standards outlined in Rule 12.6.1503A, including steepness of terrain, winter snow depths/drifts, susceptibility of fences to flood damage, etc.).

The 5-7 acre project area occurs on relatively gentle 5-15 percent slopes in forested habitat. Slope steepness in the northeast corner of the enclosure, however, may approach 50 percent. Trees consisting of pole-sized (6-12" DBH) western larch, Douglas-fir, and lodgepole pine are abundant throughout the enclosure and along the perimeter. The operator has plans to thin the trees within the enclosure and remove most of the trees along the perimeter. Because of the presence of trees within and around the perimeter, the windthrow of trees onto the fence is a distinct possibility, especially along the eastern fence.

Snow levels are expected to reach 1-2 feet in the project area. Limited drifting may occur .

Proportion (percent) of the total habitat area currently used by wildlife that will be enclosed or otherwise impacted.

Displacement of Game Animals: The project area will displace white-tailed and mule deer from 5-7 acres of existing year-round and winter range habitat. This is a very small proportion of existing winter range or year-round habitat in the area. This impact may translate into removing winter habitat for <1 deer and is considered minor. Similarly, the proposed project will effectively remove 5-7 acres of occasional habitat for elk, black bears, mountain lions and moose. This impact is considered negligible. The proposed expansion will not block any significant migration corridors.

Displacement of Nongame Animals: The project area may see a slight increase in the abundance of species often associated with livestock such as house sparrows, cowbirds, starlings, magpies and Columbian ground squirrels. Many forest edge species such as woodpeckers, nuthatches, western bluebirds, robins, kestrels and tree swallows which may already use the project area will continue. The abundance of some forest dwelling species such as woodpeckers and nuthatches may be reduced slightly with the removal of trees.

HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

6. <u>NOISE EFFECTS</u> Will the proposed action result in:	POTENTIAL IMPACT				CAN IMPACT BE MITIGATED	COMMENT INDEX
	UNKNOWN	NONE	MINOR	SIGNIFICANT		
a. Increases in existing noise levels?		X				
b. Exposure of people to severe or nuisance noise levels?		X				
c. Other: _____						

PROPOSED ACTION:

NO ACTION:

COMMENTS:

Narrative Description and Evaluation of the Cumulative and Secondary Effects of Noise Resources (Attach additional pages of narrative if needed):

HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

7. <u>LAND USE</u> Will the proposed action result in:	POTENTIAL IMPACT				CAN IMPACT BE MITIGATED	COMMENT INDEX
	UNKNOWN	NONE	MINOR	SIGNIFICANT		
a. Alteration of or interference with the productivity or profitability of the existing land use of an area?		X				
b. Conflict with a designated natural area or area of unusual scientific or educational importance?		X				
c. Conflict with any existing land use whose presence would constrain or potentially prohibit the proposed action?		X				
d. Conflict with any existing land use that would be adversely affected by the proposed action?		X				
e. Adverse effects on or relocation of residences?		X				
f. Other: _____						

PROPOSED ACTION:

NO ACTION:

COMMENTS:

Narrative Description and Evaluation of the Cumulative and Secondary Effects on Land Use (Attach additional pages of narrative if needed):

HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

8. <u>RISK/HEALTH HAZARDS</u> Will the proposed action result in:	POTENTIAL IMPACT				CAN IMPACT BE MITIGATED	COMMENT INDEX
	UNKNOWN	NONE	MINOR	SIGNIFICANT		
a. Risk of dispersal of hazardous substances (including, but not limited to chemicals, pathogens, or radiation) in the event of an accident or other forms of disruption?				X	X	8.a.
b. Creation of any hazard or potential hazard to domestic livestock?		X				
c. Creation of any hazard or potential hazard to human health?		X				
d. Other: _____						

PROPOSED ACTION:

The potential risk is that if the game farm animals were to carry or become infected with a debilitating wildlife disease (such as tuberculosis or meningeal worm), that contact with wild animals (e.g. through-the-fence, nose-to-nose, nose-to-soil, escape, or ingress) could release this disease into wild animal populations.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION:

The potentially significant impacts of the proposed action can be mitigated through the measures listed below (see comments). By taking these actions, potentially significant impacts then become minor.

NO ACTION:

Denial of the permit would deny Mr. Bianchi the opportunity to raise game farm elk, primarily as a hobby. It would also allow area wildlife an opportunity to use 5-7 acres of habitat that would otherwise be excluded to them.

COMMENTS:

8.a. The Licensee must construct all fences, quarantine and holding facilities according to minimum standards as prescribed in ARM 12.6.1503A, 1509 and 1510 (see attachment). In addition:

1. The Licensee or Manager must report to FWP the ingress of any game animal or any predators of ungulates (e.g. mountain lion, black bear, grizzly bear, wolf or coyote) immediately upon the discovery, and the reason for such ingress.
2. FWP reserves the right to require fence/gate modifications (such as, but not limited to, double fencing, electrical outriggers or solid board panels) to those portions of fence when problems with tree or snag blowdowns occur that compromise fence integrity, or when the previously constructed fence may prove to be inadequate to prevent ingress or egress of game animals or game farm animals. In areas where slope steepness may be a problem, the relocation of a portion of the fence may become necessary.

Narrative Description and Evaluation of the Cumulative and Secondary Effects on Risk/Health Hazards Resources (Attach additional pages of narrative if needed):

HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

9. <u>COMMUNITY IMPACT</u> Will the proposed action result in:	POTENTIAL IMPACT				CAN IMPACT BE MITIGATED	COMMENT INDEX
	UNKNOWN	NONE	MINOR	SIGNIFICANT		
a. Alteration of the location, distribution, density, or growth rate of the human population of an area?		X				
b. Alteration of the social structure of a community?		X				
c. Alteration of the level or distribution of employment or community or personal income?		X				
d. Changes in industrial or commercial activity?		X				
e. Changes in historic or traditional recreational use of an area?		X				
f. Changes in existing public benefits provided by affected wildlife populations and wildlife habitats (educational, cultural or historic)?		X				
g. Increased traffic hazards or effects on existing transportation facilities or patterns of movement of people and goods?		X				
h. Other: _____						

PROPOSED ACTION:

NO ACTION:

COMMENTS:

Narrative Description and Evaluation of the Cumulative and Secondary Effects on Community Resources (Attach additional pages of narrative if needed):

HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

10. <u>PUBLIC SERVICES/TAXES/UTILITIES</u> Will the proposed action result in:	POTENTIAL IMPACT				CAN IMPACT BE MITIGATED	COMMENT INDEX
	UNKNOWN	NONE	MINOR	SIGNIFICANT		
a. A need for new or altered government services (specifically an increased regulatory role for FWP and Dept. of Livestock)?		X				
b. A change in the local or state tax base and revenues?		X				
c. A need for new facilities or substantial alterations of any of the following utilities: electric power, natural gas, other fuel supply or distribution systems, or communications?		X				
d. Other: _____						

PROPOSED ACTION:**NO ACTION:****COMMENTS:**

Narrative Description and Evaluation of the Cumulative and Secondary Effects on Public Services/Taxes/Utilities (Attach additional pages of narrative if needed):

HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

11. <u>AESTHETICS/RECREATION</u> Will the proposed action result in:	POTENTIAL IMPACT				CAN IMPACT BE MITIGATED	COMMENT INDEX
	UNKNOWN	NONE	MINOR	SIGNIFICANT		
a. Alteration of any scenic vista or creation of an aesthetically offensive site or effect that is open to public view?		X				
b. Alteration of the aesthetic character of a community or neighborhood?		X				
c. Alteration of the quality or quantity of recreational/tourism opportunities and settings?		X				
d. Other: _____						

PROPOSED ACTION:

NO ACTION:

COMMENTS:

Narrative Description and Evaluation of the Cumulative and Secondary Effects on Aesthetics/Recreation Resources (Attach additional pages of narrative if needed):

HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

12. <u>CULTURAL/HISTORICAL RESOURCES</u> Will the proposed action result in:	POTENTIAL IMPACT				CAN IMPACT BE MITIGATED	COMMENT INDEX
	UNKNOWN	NONE	MINOR	SIGNIFICANT		
a. Destruction or alteration of any site, structure or object of prehistoric, historic, or paleontological importance?		X				
b. Physical change that would affect unique cultural values?		X				
c. Effects on existing religious or sacred uses of a site or area?		X				
d. Other: _____						

PROPOSED ACTION:**NO ACTION:****COMMENTS:**

Narrative Description and Evaluation of the Cumulative and Secondary Effects on Cultural/Historical Resources (Attach additional pages of narrative if needed):

HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

13. <u>SUMMARY EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE</u> Will the proposed action, considered as a whole:	POTENTIAL IMPACT				CAN IMPACT BE MITIGATED	COMMENT INDEX
	UNKNOWN	NONE	MINOR	SIGNIFICANT		
a. Have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? (A project or program may result in impacts on two or more separate resources which create a significant effect when considered together or in total.)		X				
b. Involve potential risks or adverse effects which are uncertain but extremely hazardous if they were to occur?				X	X	13.b.
c. Potentially conflict with the substantive requirements or any local, state, or federal law, regulation, standard or formal plan?		X				
d. Establish a precedent or likelihood that future actions with significant environmental impacts will be proposed?		x				
e. Generate substantial debate or controversy about the nature of the impacts that would be created?	X					
e. Other: _____						

PROPOSED ACTION:

One of the most controversial issues regarding this proposal is that the fence will be breached and that game farm elk and wild game animals will interact, exposing wild game populations to disease.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION:

The potentially significant impacts of the proposed action can be mitigated through the measures listed below (see comments). By taking these actions, the potentially significant impacts then become minor.

NO ACTION:

Denial of the permit would deny Mr. Bianchi the opportunity to raise game farm elk, primarily as a hobby. It would also allow area wildlife an opportunity to use 5-7 acres of habitat that would otherwise be excluded to them.

COMMENTS:

13.b. The Licensee must construct all fences, quarantine and holding facilities according to minimum standards as prescribed in ARM 12.6.1503A, 1509 and 1510. In addition:

1. The Licensee or Manager must report to FWP the ingress of any game animal or any predators of ungulates (e.g. mountain lion, black bear, grizzly bear, wolf or coyote) immediately upon the discovery, and the reason for such ingress.

2. FWP reserves the right to require fence/gate modifications (such as, but not limited to, double fencing, electrical outriggers or solid board panels) to those portions of fence when problems with tree or snag blowdowns occur that compromise fence integrity, or when the previously constructed fence may prove to be inadequate to prevent ingress or egress of game animals or game farm animals. In areas where slope steepness may be a problem, the relocation of a portion of the fence may become necessary.

Narrative Description and Evaluation of the Cumulative and Secondary Effects (Attach additional pages of narrative if needed):

PART II. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (Continued)

2. SUMMARY EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE CRITERIA

a. Does the proposed action have impacts that are individually minor, but cumulatively considerable? (A project may result in impacts on two or more separate resources which create a significant effect when considered together or in total.)

No.

b. Does the proposed action involve potential risks or adverse effects which are uncertain but extremely hazardous if they were to occur?

Yes. The potential risk is that if game farm animals were to carry a debilitating wildlife disease such as tuberculosis or meningeal worm and then came into contact with wild animals, the disease could then be spread into wild populations.

3. Description and analysis of reasonable alternatives (including the no action alternative) to the proposed action whenever alternatives are reasonably available and prudent to consider and a discussion of how the alternatives would be implemented:

No Action: Denial of the permit would deny Mr. Bianchi the opportunity to raise game farm elk, primarily as a hobby. It would also allow area wildlife an opportunity to use 5-7 acres of habitat that would otherwise be excluded to them.

Alternative Action: The potentially significant impacts of the proposed action can be mitigated through the measures listed below:

4. Evaluation and listing of mitigation, stipulation, or other control measures enforceable by the agency or another government agency:

The risk of contact between game farm animals and wild animals should be reduced if the Licensee constructs all fences, quarantine and holding facilities according to minimum standards as prescribed in ARM 12.6.1503A, 1509 and 1510. In addition:

1. The Licensee or Manager must report to FWP the ingress of any game animal or any predators of ungulates (e.g. mountain lion, black bear, grizzly bear, wolf or coyote) immediately upon the discovery, and the reason for such ingress.
2. FWP reserves the right to require fence/gate modifications (such as, but not limited to, double fencing, electrical outriggers or solid board panels) to those portions of fence when problems with tree or snag blowdowns occur that compromise fence integrity, or when the previously constructed fence may prove to be inadequate to prevent ingress or egress of game animals or game farm animals. In areas where slope steepness may be a problem, the relocation of a portion of the fence may become necessary.

PART III. NARRATIVE EVALUATION AND COMMENT

A review of the license application and the elements of this environmental review indicate that the potential for conflict in the social and physical environments is moderate. By following all mitigative measures identified in this document, the potential for future problems are considerably reduced.

PART IV. EA CONCLUSION

1. Based on the significance criteria evaluated in this EA, is an EIS required? YES / NO

No.

If an EIS is not required, explain why the EA is the appropriate level of analysis for this proposed action:

The scope of the proposed project is quite small (5-7 acres and 6-10 animals). Given the relatively small size of the project and FWP's belief that the threat of animals escaping, ingress and possible disease transmission can be reduced through prescribed mitigative measures to a level below significant impacts, an EIS is not required for this application.

2. Describe the level of public involvement for this project if any and, given the complexity and the seriousness of the environmental issues associated with the proposed action, is the level of public involvement appropriate under the circumstances? (At a minimum, all EAs must be MADE available to the public through the State Bulletin Board System.)

Upon completion of the EA, a notice will be sent to adjoining landowners, the local newspapers, and other potentially affected interests. The notice will explain the project and request input during a 21 day comment period.

3. Duration of comment period if any: 30 days

4. Name, title, address and phone number of the Person(s) Responsible for Preparing the EA:

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ph. (406)882-4697

Game Warden Jim Roberts
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Eureka, MT 59917
ph.(406)889-3404

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Gate Description
12 FT Wide Gate
Self Closing
DOUBLE LATCH

Holding
SHUT
Post
And 2x6
Construction

2 Gates 8x10 Metal
DOUBLE LATCH

QUARANTINE AREA

QUARANTINE AREA
is made of DOUBLE
8 FT fence WITH
3 FT SPACE BETWEEN
FENCE

Fence Description

8 FT High 12 1/2 Gauge
woven wire 6" squares

24 FT Interval for post

AND 8 FT INTERVALS for STAK

WOODEN LATCH POST ALL CORNERS
SET IN CONCRETE

fence

1000

Gate 1

Feed
P/N

H2O

Holding
Area

Feed H2O
Quarantine
Area 32'
70'

6600
2. 0.103

250 3-2112
BEE

NORTH

house

1295'

quarantine

12'
METAL
GATE

Future

EXPERIMENTAL

of Game

Spill

640'

Present Game
Spill

330'

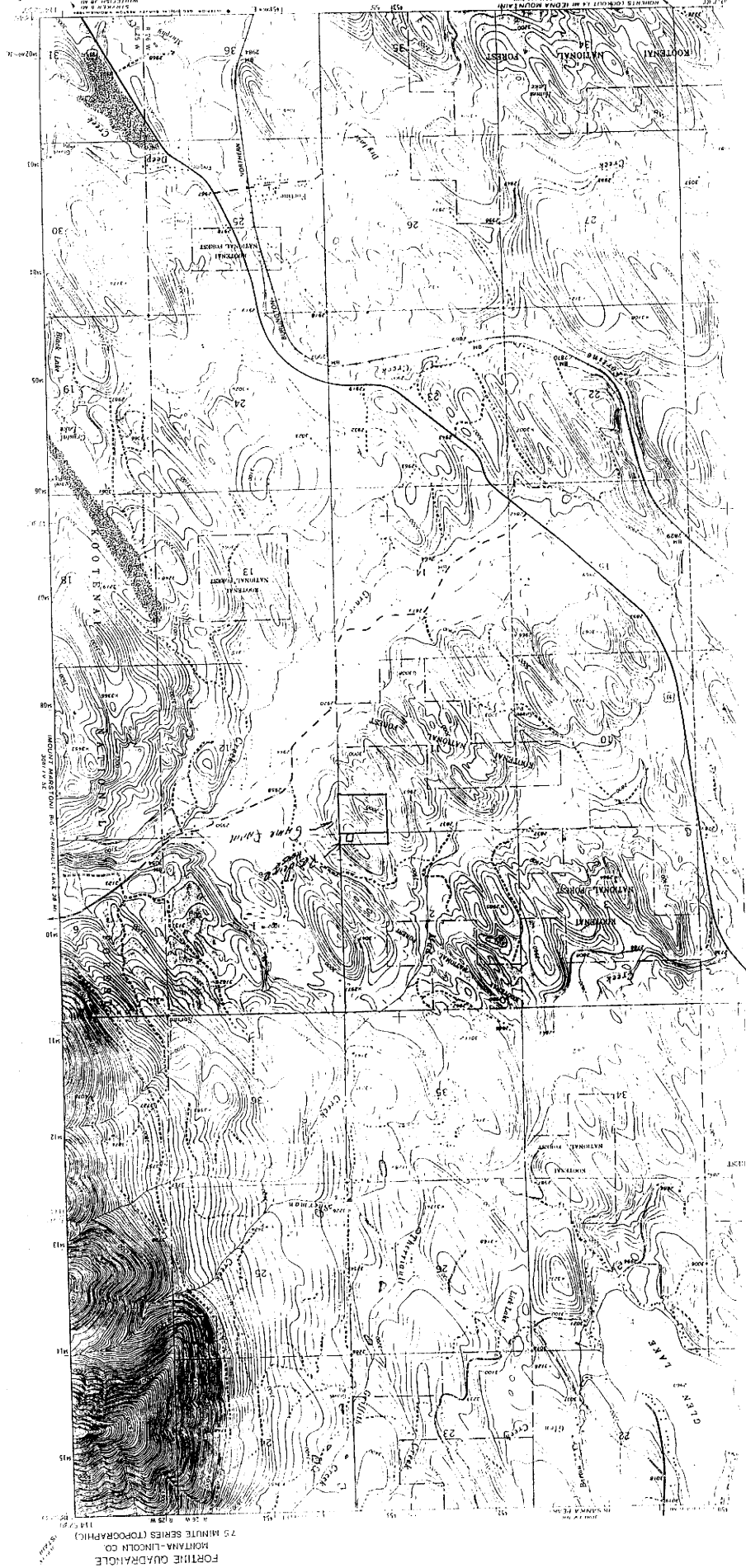
25' wide

1320 ft

ENCLOSURE - Road and Pond

1295'

1320'



FORTINE, MONTANA
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
MONTANA-LINCOLN CO
1:50,000